

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 152

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jeremy Ballentine  
upon being elected National Vice-President for  
SkillsUSA.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those Tennessee citizens, who through their extraordinary professional and personal efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Ballentine is one such estimable person who was unanimously elected National Vice-President for SkillsUSA at a recent conference in Leesburg, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a national, non-profit organization, SkillsUSA is devoted to serving teachers, as well as high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations; and

WHEREAS, always evincing the greatest probity and integrity in each of his chosen endeavors, Mr. Ballentine is a highly talented and respected Heating, Ventilating, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Technology (HVACR) student at the Tennessee Technology Center (TTC) in Pulaski; and

WHEREAS, this consummate professional began his storied tenure with SkillsUSA in May of 2011, when he was first elected Chapter President; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Jeremy Ballentine later achieved the Bronze Medal in HVACR at the State Leadership and Skills Conference in Chattanooga and was selected to represent Tennessee as a national delegate; and

WHEREAS, because of his tireless work ethic and matchless determination, Mr. Ballentine was elected at large at the National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, Missouri in June of 2011; and

WHEREAS, a true leader among his peers, Mr. Ballentine was also elected Chairman of the SkillsUSA Joint Legislative Committee, in which position he will be reporting to the SkillsUSA Executive Council on the status of both secondary and post-secondary SkillsUSA activities; and

WHEREAS, as the newest National Vice-President of SkillsUSA, Jeremy Ballentine was able to return to our nation's capital in September of 2011, to attend the Washington Leadership Training Institute and participate in specialized training which focused on developing advanced leadership, citizenship, and employability skills; and

WHEREAS, putting his training to practical use, this industrious entrepreneur is the founder of his own HVACR business, called 911 Heating & Cooling, in Pulaski; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his responsibilities at school and work, Mr. Ballentine remains an active and devout member of his church and still finds the time and energy to lend his extraordinary abilities to a number of community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Ballentine's remarkable success as a student and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ballentine is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized by this Body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jeremy Ballentine upon being elected National Vice-President for SkillsUSA, salute his ambition and personal commitment to excellence, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.